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Subject: Re: Emailing: SAJ_additional comment

Wendy and Sue:

I would like to add an additional comment.

I have read many of the comment letters and I have to say that the comments from CSNC, Rich Platt, Monte Hendricks, and Snowlands are not consistent with each other like I thought they might be. While Karen and Rich seem to have a logical, reasonable approach in asking for measures, they are not asking for closure except seasonal closure. On the other hand, Snowlands wants the trail shut down. Additionally, as far as I can tell, "all" of the user conflicts discussed in the aforementioned comments involve the last 1 to 2 miles of "paved" road at the Chalet at Loon Lake and winter use there. This conflict has nothing to do with the Rubicon and is nothing more than a reaction to use conflicts on a no plow "County Highway".

Imagine the dismay someone might have when purchasing a house right in the flight path of an airport that has been there long before any houses were built. I remember this exact conflict from my childhood in San Jose. I thought then and to this day that if those folks did not like the planes they should move or never have purchased in the first place. They tried to get the airport to close.

The Polaris ski trail is lined up right down the middle of the unplowed road at Loon Lake. Would it not be just common sense to expect traffic on that road? Why would anyone be upset over that? My answer is that it would be someone that wants exclusive use of that road. That does not fit the legality of use for that road.

The interested OHV parties that have been attending ROC meetings have also been rather falsely accused of: "At times, threats and harassment by some users on the ROC towards the environmental representatives, including CSNC's representative, resulted in discouraging a broad public representation at the ROC meetings."

This accusation is completely false. I feel that I and others have been nothing but kind and courteous in our dealings at all times with attendees of the ROC meetings. Perhaps a spirited debate is considered harassment, I am not sure. I just feel a need to clarify this and to bring in to the light facts that I feel are relevant.

This attempt to act as the martyr appears to me to be a ploy to garner sympathy and from my upbringing, I disagree. Please consider my comments when reviewing those accusations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, Scott Johnston

Scott Johnston wrote:

> Please find my comments enclosed for the Draft CAO for the Rubicon Trail.

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> Kind regards, Scott Johnston

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